

# **State of Alaska FY2007 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Education and Early Development WWAMI Medical Education Component Budget Summary**

## Component: WWAMI Medical Education

### Contribution to Department's Mission

WWAMI's mission is to enhance the quality of health care by providing access to and delivering medical training in Alaska and for Alaskans.

### Core Services

This component funds the education and administrative costs for the second, third and fourth year students while they are in attendance at the University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSM) WWAMI program. In addition, these students pay resident tuition and fees at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Funding is also provided to support the clinical sites in Alaska. The basis for the funding structure is determined by the partnership contract between the UWSM, the University of Alaska, and the State of Alaska. Students attend the first year of training at the University of Alaska, Anchorage campus, before continuing training at the UWSM in Seattle. The Commission acts as the state's fiscal agent and administers WWAMI participants services agreements/loans.

- Provide medical education for Alaskans
- Provide residency education to train physicians for Alaska

End Results	Strategies to Achieve Results
<b>A: Program graduates practice medicine in Alaska</b> <u>Target #1:</u> 65% of WWAMI region graduates practicing in Alaska <u>Measure #1:</u> Number of WWAMI region graduates practicing in Alaska	<b>A1: Increase number of clinical rotations for medical students</b> <u>Target #1:</u> Increase medical education clerkship capacity in Alaska each year <u>Measure #1:</u> Number of WWAMI students rotating to Alaska clerkships  <b>A2: Increase the resident class size</b> <u>Target #1:</u> Increase the program capacity from 24 to 30. <u>Measure #1:</u> Number of residents in the program

Major Activities to Advance Strategies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify potential training sites</li> <li>• Recruit physician faculty</li> <li>• Mentor physician</li> <li>• Recruit medical students to Alaska clerkship sites</li> <li>• Ensure quality by student and faculty evaluations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit location</li> <li>• Work with partner to organize and deliver education series</li> <li>• Recruit partner institution</li> <li>• Work with UA to broadcast series</li> </ul>

## FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2007 Component Budget: \$1,546,700

## Personnel:

Full time	0
Part time	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

## Performance Measure Detail

## A: Result - Program graduates practice medicine in Alaska

**Target #1:** 65% of WWAMI region graduates practicing in Alaska**Measure #1:** Number of WWAMI region graduates practicing in Alaska

## WWAMI Graduates Practicing in Alaska

Year	YTD Total
2005	148

**Analysis of results and challenges:** Each year 10 Alaskans are admitted to the Alaska WWAMI Medical Education Program. A partnership between the State of Alaska, the University of Alaska and the University of Washington School of Medicine, the program provides outstanding medical education for Alaska residents as well as providing physicians for Alaskans. Since the beginning of the program in 1971 at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, the program has successfully provided Alaskans with Alaska WWAMI and WWAMI region physicians.

## A1: Strategy - Increase number of clinical rotations for medical students

**Target #1:** Increase medical education clerkship capacity in Alaska each year**Measure #1:** Number of WWAMI students rotating to Alaska clerkships

## Number of Students in WWAMI Clerkships

Year	YTD Total
2001	84
2002	85 +1.19%
2003	86 +1.18%
2004	91 +5.81%
2005	107 +17.58%

**Analysis of results and challenges:** Physicians across Alaska train students throughout the year. Each year the number of students fluctuates due to student preferences and availability of physicians/clerkship sites. During the 2002-2003 academic year, a surgery clerkship began in Fairbanks. For the 2004-2005 academic year, a clerkship in neurology will begin in Anchorage and an obstetrics/gynecology clerkship in Fairbanks.

## A2: Strategy - Increase the resident class size

**Target #1:** Increase the program capacity from 24 to 30.**Measure #1:** Number of residents in the program

**Number of Residents in the Program**

Year	YTD Total
2003	24
2004	26 +8.33%
2005	28 +7.69%

**Analysis of results and challenges:** The incoming class of first year residents at the Alaska Family Practice Residency increased from 8 to 10 residents. Going forward each new class at the Residency will be 10 residents bringing program capacity to 30 residents (10 per year). This year there are 28 residents receiving training at the Alaska Family Practice Residency. The Residency program has produced 47 graduates to date, of which 74% (35) are practicing in Alaska.

**Key Component Challenges**

To continue to allow Alaskans guaranteed access to medical education not available in Alaska and, through the recently implemented service obligation for program participants, to address statewide professional medical workforce needs.

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007**

The Alaska Family Medicine Residency has a new target for FY 2007: to begin implementation on another class size expansion. The incoming class in July of 2006 will have 12 1<sup>st</sup> year residents and 12 2<sup>nd</sup> year residents. The total number of residents receiving training at the Alaska Family Medicine Residency Program in FY 2007 will be 34 residents. When the expansion is complete, the Alaska Family Medicine Residency will have 36 residents.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2005**

- Administered WWAMI contract between the Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission, the University of Alaska, and the University of Washington School of Medicine;
- Continued to enter into participation contracts and service the existing ones. Program participants must serve in Alaska for five years following program completion, if non-compliant they will be required to repay the tuition differential paid on their behalf over the duration of the program, plus interest;
- Provided information on WWAMI to all Alaskan high schools;
- Began an OB/Gyn clerkship began in Fairbanks in 2005, and a Neurology clerkship began in Anchorage in 2005. These clerkship opportunities provide Alaska WWAMI students the opportunity to complete all their 3rd and 4th year clinical training in Alaska. Over 116 clerkship training experiences will be held in Alaska this year;
- Mini Medical School, a community continuing education series was held in Fairbanks: MedCon, UWSM's free physician consulting service continues to provide about 4,000 medical consultations for Alaskan physicians a year. In the Ru/Op program first year WWAMI students spend 6-8 weeks in the office of a rural/underserved physician. As Alaska's medical school, WWAMI works to make these and other ongoing programs continue to grow and be successful; and
- The Family Practice Residency accepted two additional residents into the program.

**Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

AS.14.42.030 (d)  
AS 14.43.510  
20 AAC 19.010-19.900

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**WWAMI Medical Education  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<b>FY2005 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2006 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2007 Governor</b>
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	1,507.3	1,507.3	1,546.7
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>1,507.3</b>	<b>1,507.3</b>	<b>1,546.7</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,507.3	1,507.3	1,546.7
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>1,507.3</b>	<b>1,507.3</b>	<b>1,546.7</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2006 Management Plan</b>	<b>1,507.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,507.3</b>
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-WWAMI Increment	39.4	0.0	0.0	39.4
<b>FY2007 Governor</b>	<b>1,546.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,546.7</b>